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Assistant Chief of Staff
G-2, War Department
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ON 11-18-80

Reference is made to your letter of July 2, 1942, concerning Jean Paul Getty, whose association with the Spartan Aviation Company is viewed with suspicion. (S) (U) *See name letter*

For your information, there is being transmitted herewith one copy each of the following reports pertaining to the activities of Getty:

Report of Special Agent V. I. Parry, Los Angeles, California,
dated November 12, 1940

Report of Special Agent V. I. Parry, Los Angeles, California,
dated December 18, 1940

Report of Special Agent Louis Loebl, Washington, D. C , dated
January 4, 1941

Report of Special Agent [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana,
dated April 3, 1941

Mr Tolson _____ Report of Special Agent _____ Los Angeles, California,
Mr E A Tamm _____ dated April 30, 1941
Mr Clegg _____
Mr Glavin _____
Mr Ladd _____ Report of Special Agent _____ Los Angeles, California,
Mr Nichols _____ dated August 23, 1941
Mr Rosen _____ M A I L Report of Special Agent _____ New York City, dated
Mr Tracy _____ November 13, 1941
Mr Carson _____
Mr Coffey _____ P M Report of Special Agent Edward A. Furbush, Jr., Los Angeles,
Mr Hendon _____ BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION California, dated November 24, 1941
Mr Kramer _____ U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
Mr McGuire _____ Report of Special Agent Edward A. Furbush, Jr., Los Angeles,
Mr Quinn Tamm _____ California, dated April 4, 1942
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Miss Gandy _____

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In the event you receive any further information concerning Getty, it would be appreciated if you would furnish the same to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

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FILE NO **65-2170**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 7/21/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/5, 19, 30/42, 7/3, 15/42.	REPORT MADE BY EDWARD A. FURBUSH, JP.
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TITLE JEAN PAUL GETTY, with alias J. Paul Getty.	CHARACTER OF CASE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

GETTY now President of Spartan Aircraft Company, Tulsa Oklahoma. Source of Information A states he has been closely associated with Subject approximately four to five years. GETTY claimed some time ago he has met HITLER, [redacted] GETTY believed to have financed [redacted] entrance into U.S and exit to Mexico. Source of Information A states [redacted]

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Source of Information A has three contacts who can furnish information on GETTY'S associations with Mexican officials. Subject's present wife to arrive, Los Angeles, August 1, 1942 Inspector [redacted] suggests Subject be interviewed at Field Office Important parts of investigation set out for information of Oklahoma Field Office.

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AGENCY **1cc-OSD P.**

REQ. REC'D **6-27-59**

REP'T. FORW. **6-26-59**

BY **[redacted]**

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REP'T. FORW. **4-6-55**

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Bureau File No. 100-1202

Report of Special Agent E. A. FURBUSH, JP., Los Angeles, California, April 14, 1942

Letter from Bureau dated May 8, 1942.

REFERENCES

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED [redacted]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE [redacted]	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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DETAILS

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On June 19, 1942, [redacted] Subject of instant case at his Los Angeles home, 647 South Kingsley Drive, advised that GETTY is now living in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has no intention of returning to Los Angeles at the present time. She further advised that he is now president of the Spartan Aircraft Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has occupied this position for several months. It was the intention of the writer to contact Subject of instant case in view of the suggestion by Inspector [redacted] to interview him in the office with regard to the facts obtained from an investigation of his past activities. b6 b7C

On June 30, July 3, and July 15, 1942, Source of Information A was interviewed for the purpose of developing him as a Source of Information for the Los Angeles Office. During the first interview with Source of Information A, he advised that GETTY, Subject of instant case, [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] Source of Information A's, and it was believed that Source of Information A might supply further information on GETTY. Source of Information A further advised that he has known JEAN PAUL GETTY for approximately four or five years, and [redacted] b6 b7C
He continued that [redacted]
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[redacted] Source of Information A continued that [redacted] b6 b7C

During the period of association with GETTY in New York City, Source of Information A met [redacted] Subject of Los Angeles File [redacted] entitled [redacted] with aliases, DR. GERT VON GONTARD, Espionage - G, and from the close affiliation between [redacted] and GETTY, it is the opinion of Source of Information A's that GETTY is responsible for coming to the United States. Source of Information A continued that [redacted] on very friendly terms with [redacted] because he was not impressed by her, believing that she was here for some sinister purpose, so is unable to comment intelligently upon the background of the [redacted] GETTY companionship. He stated, however, that a [redacted] address unknown, but who was a gambler and [redacted] GETTY'S, and [redacted] in New York City, was in [redacted] company a great deal while she was in New York City, and it is believed that he would be able to furnish information regarding her activity while in New York City. b6 b7C

At a later date, GETTY, in a conversation with Source of Information A in Los Angeles, stated that [redacted] was now in Mexico, and that he had seen her a short time ago in Mexico City, and the way in which this statement was made indicated to Source of Information A that GETTY was responsible for financing her trip to Mexico City from New York. He further stated that [redacted] b6 b7C

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was in Los Angeles for a short time before leaving for Mexico City, and he has several other friends who will furnish information regarding her activity and association with GETTY while in Los Angeles.

X Source of Information A continued that [redacted] X (u)

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[redacted] where it is believed there are many large gold mines. X Source of Information [redacted] X (u)

[redacted] whose names are unknown to Source of Information at the present time, but one of these officials is believed to be [redacted] X Source of Information A X X (u) promised that he could obtain the names of the other two Mexican officials who were with GETTY at this time.

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b X Source of Information A continued that [redacted] X (u)

[redacted] knows GETTY very well. X Source of Information A related that [redacted] is at present in Mexico but returns to Los Angeles frequently. [redacted] it is believed, by X Source of Information A X is also familiar with the activity of [redacted] in Mexico City. It should be noted that [redacted] was mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, dated November 13, 1941, which has reference to the article in the New York News regarding GETTY and his dealings with certain men in a conspiracy to sell oil to the Axis. X Source of Information A X touches for the Americanism of [redacted] but has promised not to disclose the identity of the Agent in the event a meeting is arranged between [redacted] and the writer. X (u)

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Further information regarding the activity of Subject GETTY will be obtained from [redacted] of one of the Studios in Hollywood, who has been associated with GETTY while he was traveling in Europe. b6 b7C

Still further information with regard to the activity of [redacted] in Mexico City was obtained from Source of Information B, who is a [redacted] of Source of Information A's, and who related that while he was in Mexico City for two months less than a year ago, it was common news that [redacted] had X (u)

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an "in" with [redacted] of the Mexican Cabinet, who was decidedly pro-Axis in his sympathies. Source of Information A and B both advised that [redacted]

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*Source of Information A advised that [redacted] GETTY'S present wife, will arrive in Los Angeles about August 1, 1942, and will stay with [redacted]

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*Source of Information [redacted]

Inspector [redacted], upon reviewing instant file, suggested that Subject be interviewed at the Field Office, and inasmuch as GETTY is at present located in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the important parts of this investigation are being set forth to enable the Oklahoma City Field Office to intelligently interview GETTY

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In a letter from the Bureau dated August 27, 1940, it was indicated that information had been obtained from a source previously reliable concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre, 5th Avenue and 61st Street, New York City, by J. PAUL GETTY. It was further related that GETTY is fabulously wealthy oil man of German descent, who has made his residence in California. The Bureau advised that the circumstances concerning the purchase of the Hotel are of significance, inasmuch as it appears that persons of Italian affiliations may center their activities at this point. It appears that the Hotel Pierre was purchased from the bondholders through [redacted] in New York City, approximately a year and a half ago, that the hotel, being in poor financial condition, was sacrificed at a price fixed at approximately two million dollars. It was learned that the purchase was made on the authority of GETTY while he was in Germany, and while there he telegraphically instructed his representatives in the United States to immediately "clean out the hotel." This instruction resulted in a general dismissal of all of the employees who had been with the hotel for a number of years.

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A [redacted] was made [redacted] of the Hotel, and it was learned that [redacted] was a former [redacted] with no previous hotel experience. [redacted] (Phonetic). Investigation in Los Angeles showed that the World Petroleum Register of 1929 listed a J. PAUL GETTY, 701 Atlas Life Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, and further reflected that the GEORGE F. GETTY, INC., oil company, Jersey City, New Jersey, with branches at Los Angeles and Tulsa, Oklahoma, listed the officers of this firm as [redacted]

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[redacted] The [redacted] of this firm were listed as [redacted] and the Register indicated that this firm has productive acreage in California, New Mexico, and Texas.

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The credit company files revealed a report dated January 29, 1936, on Subject, indicating he is the son and heir of the late GEORGE F. GETTY, who left more than twenty-five million dollars. It further revealed that GETTY has kept the oil business, left to him by his father, in excellent shape financially, and has ample financial reserves for his requirements.

In the last two years, due to domestic difficulties, he has traveled in the United States and Europe, and the actual operation of the business has been left in the hands of competent businessmen. The report continued that GETTY had been married four times, his first wife charging him with immorality in the divorce complaint and naming twenty-six co-respondents. He subsequently married a German girl, but after having been married a short time he turned his attention to other women and his wife learned of his conduct and returned to Germany. It should be noted that this [redacted] and is presently living in Los Angeles and has been interviewed by the writer. The rest of the report from the credit Bureau indicates the vast wealth of the Subject and is not believed to be important.

At the newspaper morgue it was learned that GETTY graduated from the University of California and Oxford University. In another article, dated September 11, 1935, it showed that GETTY had offered for sale his yacht, "The Warrior," built in 1934 at a cost of one million four hundred thousand dollars. Another article, dated November 23, 1939, under a New York date line, indicated that GETTY had returned to New York from Italy on that date on the SS "CONTI DI SAVOIA" after negotiating with Soviet Russian buyers in Berlin, Germany, for the sale of one million barrels of California oil to be used in Siberia, GETTY stating that it would cost less to transport oil from California to Vladivostok than from the Russian owned Baku oil fields. Another article indicated that GETTY married [redacted] September 14, 1939, in Rome at the American Consulate.

GETTY was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 15, 1892. His father, GEORGE FRANKLIN GETTY, is alleged to have been born in Maryland. GETTY was issued passports in 1920, 1926, 1928, 1932, and 1936. His last passport, No. 284,603, was issued on May 15, 1936, upon Application executed at the Department the same day. He stated that he desired to visit Germany, France, and England for pleasure. At that time he gave his address as 309 Otter Rock Drive, Greenwich, Connecticut. (It should be noted that investigation in Greenwich failed to disclose any record of GETTY'S having lived there.)

It was ascertained from a confidential source that GETTY maintains two accounts with the Security Office of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, California. Informant advised that one account is a personal account which has an average balance of approximately \$80,000.00, and the other is a trustee account which has an average balance of approximately \$95,000.00. Informant is unable to ascertain the distinction between the two accounts.

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Observation of the canceled checks paid against these accounts, during March, 1941, failed to disclose that any of the checks had been signed by GETTY, but were signed by persons believed to be office employees. He further advised that he had been unable to find that any of the disbursements from these two accounts were of interest, they being mostly alimony payments to his various ex-wives.

Informant further advised that he had ascertained from the records of the bank that on January 28, 1941, an American Express Company letter of credit, No 93735, in the amount of \$10,000.00, had been forwarded to GETTY through the Banco Nacional de Mexico at Mexico City. The credit files of the bank disclosed that on February 6, 1941, inquiry was made by [redacted] Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York City, regarding GETTY, indicating that the bank had a customer who was contemplating business dealings with GETTY.

On May 24, 1941, [redacted] advised a confidential informant of the Los Angeles Office that she had recently come from New York City, where she had been talking with Dr. GERT VON GONTARD. At one time she was [redacted] (S)(u)

It should be noted that [redacted]

[redacted] told Informant that she strongly suspected GETTY of being mixed up in pro-German and un-American activities, contending that he was the owner of the Pierre Hotel in New York City and has openly expressed himself as being in favor of the Nazi form of Government; further, that he is a [redacted] who, she stated, was the [redacted] of Mexico during the [redacted] regime.

[redacted] further advised informant that [redacted] was GETTY'S girlfriend (S)(u)

The fact that GETTY is close to [redacted] appears particularly pertinent in view of the fact that [redacted] had recently sold [redacted] in New York, and it was the opinion of [redacted] that this was done because the Government forced him to do so. [redacted] allegedly lives in [redacted] and was believed to have sheltered two aliens who came into the United States illegally, and it was the opinion of [redacted] that Dr. GERT VON GONTARD had an interview with these two aliens.

[redacted] reported to the informant that GETTY was a close friend of [redacted] and one [redacted] an Irish American who lived on [redacted] and who has visited Germany some six or eight times over the past few years. [redacted] advised that [redacted] and she suspects all three of being spies. [redacted] is supposed to be in the [redacted] business, and has allegedly done business with firms in Germany, but was unable to recall the names of any [redacted] firms when talking with [redacted] in New York. (S)(u)

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According to [] claims she left Germany pursued by the Gestapo, that as a result of her friendship with GETTY, he was able to get her a visa for entrance into Mexico, telling the [] who is a good friend of GETTY'S, that [] was an American citizen. After arriving in Mexico, [] had an affair with the former [] previously mentioned, GETTY having introduced her to him. According to Informant, [] related that [] had nothing more to do with [] after four weeks, but now continues in close contact with GETTY, as well as [].

Information obtained from [] and an English Subject, disclosed that he was very friendly with [] while she was in Hollywood, and [] told him of [] in Europe, but because the German Government forced her to be intimate with anyone they directed in the official circles, she decided to get out of the country, and under the pretext that she was going to [] in France, went to Paris. She told [] that she had met all the high officials in Germany from HITLER down. [] questioned her further at various times with relation to her ability to get out of Germany so easily, but she was unable to answer these questions satisfactorily.

[] learned that [] had received a pay check from [] at San Francisco, and when he confronted [] with this, she did not deny nor affirm it. After being in her company for approximately two months, [] accused her of being a German spy and in the pay of the German Government, and when she did not deny it, he told her he would have nothing more to do with her.

According to another source of information, it was learned from [] who has been reported as a friend of [] that [] came to this country financially broke, and that after her arrival, she took up with [] who later wanted to marry her, but she would not consent. GETTY is a friend of [] and after her affair with [] she took up with GETTY.

*From a confidential informant, the following information was obtained *
On April 22, 1941 (X)(u)

PAUL GETTY is now in Los Angeles, is the owner of the Pierre Hotel, 5th Avenue and 61st Street, New York City, which, it is stated, is a veritable nest of intrigue for numerous German agents working in the United States. The Pierre Hotel is [] by [], who is said to be an [] Also active in the management of this hotel is [] formerly of the German Military Service, and [] who has been a [] of Subject's for a number of years. About January, 1940, informant was engaged in business dealings with Subject, which was shortly after the start of the war in Europe. Subject was very outspoken and frank in his

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sympathy for Germany and for the ideology of Nazism. It was also stated that Subject has a German girl, now living in Germany, with whom Subject lives as husband and wife when Subject is in Germany, and that Subject has two children living in Germany as a result of this relationship. During a very frank discussion, Subject stated that he frequently associated socially with [redacted] and on numerous occasions during Subject's various periods of living in Germany, he had met and associated a number of times with HITLER.

In a letter from the Bureau, dated August 15, 1941, is set out information received from an outside highly confidential source, stating that the information apparently originates from a source close to the Subject. According to the data received, it was denied that Subject controls "Tidewater" which may possibly refer to the Tidewater Oil Company, and it was also denied that Subject ships oil to Germany, Spain, Russia, and Japan. It was further denied that he was given a tie by HITLER, and that he announced the sale of a million barrels of oil to Russia. According to the data received, GETTY allegedly said that he was thinking of this deal. It was also denied that he was ever involved in the Mexican presidential election, and that he has never been acquainted with [redacted] and LANG, who was described as an efficiency expert. (It should be noted that the writer interviewed Captain LANG, who states that he has been intimately associated with Subject as Captain of his yacht "The Warrior")

It was learned in August, 1941, that GETTY was very friendly with [redacted] who is alleged to be a pro-Nazi, attempting to form a Fascist movement in the United States.

It was learned from [redacted] who is the former [redacted] Subject of instant case [redacted] that GETTY traveled to Germany once or twice a year, but she was unable to name anyone with whom GETTY was in contact in Germany [redacted]

It should be noted that [redacted] the Subject, was interviewed by the writer, and is not on friendly terms with Subject, in view of the fact that the Subject promised him several years ago to bring him to America, send him to school, and bring him into his organization as an officer. [redacted] stated that Subject has failed to keep his promise, and [redacted] is at present working in the oil fields as a laborer for a very small salary.

[redacted] Subject's [redacted] wife, but now divorced from him, professes no love for the Subject. She advised that she divorced him several years after marrying him, when she learned that he had lied about his past activities, stating that he told her he had never been married, but she found out later he had been and was the father of three children. [redacted] related [redacted]

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[redacted] and when she requested GETTY'S aid to enter a plea with the German high officials, he refused, stating that he did not know anyone to contact. During a conversation with the Subject in 1939, GETTY bragged about informing the German Army of a way to break through the Maginot Line, but she does not know whether this is the truth

[redacted] was of the opinion that GETTY was too weak an individual to be involved in anything which would be inimical to the best interests of the United States. She advised that GETTY is wealthy enough to associate with the high officials of every country in the world, but merely for business reasons, and would not, in her opinion, be involved in anything regarding political interests of the United States. She further advised that GETTY was in Mexico from November, 1940, until March or April, 1941, at which time he was interested in buying property in Acapulco, and that he had obtained options on property there but would not buy outright unless the Mexican administration would pave a road through Acapulco. After working for several months on this scheme, she related how GETTY became discouraged and returned to the United States.

Captain FREDERICK LANGE, 1312 South Poinsettia, Compton, California, advised that he was Captain of a yacht which GETTY purchased in 1930, which was the first time he came into GETTY'S employ. Later LANGE reports GETTY sold this yacht, and during the time GETTY was without a boat, LANGE worked in the Production Department of the Getty Oil Company. LANGE continued that in 1933 GETTY purchased the yacht "The Warrior," and three years later, in November, 1936, GETTY sold this yacht to a French financier. At this time LANGE took the "Warrior" to France, and after it was thoroughly examined by the French financier, agreed to buy it, and Captain LANGE telephonically contacted GETTY, who was in Germany in attendance at the Olympic Games.

LANGE stated that he was aware of the rumor circulating about the Hotel Pierre regarding GETTY'S obtaining a necktie from HITLER for favors rendered, but LANGE states that on several occasions he has heard GETTY deny that he has met HITLER. LANGE stated that he has never been in GETTY'S presence when GETTY discussed any love for Germany or HITLER, with the exception of HITLER'S effectiveness in maintaining discipline in ruling Germany and her Armies. LANGE at present states he is no longer in the employ of GETTY, inasmuch as he was dismissed from his employ in 1940 and has been working in the California Shipyards in the Regulation Department since.

From an item appearing in the local newspaper, it was learned that GETTY has been the new President of the Spartan Aircraft Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, since February, 1942. It should be noted that a Memorandum with reference to the investigation on instant file was submitted to the Department

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and in a Memorandum to the Director, dated April 8, 1942, making a reference to this memorandum, the following information was set out by WENDELL BERGE, Assistant Attorney General:

A review of the material submitted indicates that the allegations of a rather sensational nature have been made against this Subject. If these allegations, or some of them, are true, the Subject is a person extremely dangerous to the safety of this country. It is therefore believed desirable to extend this investigation until every possibility has been exhausted.

Mr. BERGE further requests the names of witnesses available to testify against the allegations made in instant case. He also requests the source of the information which [redacted] of the New York Daily News, set out in his story on GETTY, with particular emphasis being placed that a definite understanding was reached on the GETTY-[redacted] Axis-etc. Mr. BERGE also requests that [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, who resigned in the Fall of 1940, be located and if a preliminary inquiry indicates he is reliable, he should be interviewed for any and all data which he may have bearing on the Subject.

Mr. BERGE suggests that [redacted] former [redacted] at the Hotel Pierre, who was discharged by [redacted], be interviewed with relation to the Subject's activities. Further, Mr. BERGE suggests that upon the completion of the investigation suggested in the foregoing paragraphs, consideration should be given as to the desirability of interviewing the Subject himself, continuing that the Subject should be acquainted with the more sensational allegations which have been made against him, and he should be permitted to offer any defense or refutation he desires. Mr. BERGE continued that Subject should be questioned in detail about all his international transactions, both business and social, and he should be required to explain the circumstances surrounding his receipt of \$60.16 from Germany on January 17, 1940. *Wg*

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York, will locate [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, who resigned in the Fall of 1940. If this individual is located, efforts should be made to determine his present activities and his citizenship status. If, from this preliminary inquiry, it appears that [redacted] is reliable, he should be interviewed for any and all data which he may have bearing on the Subject.

Will, with regard to the newspaper story in the New York Daily News regarding Subject of instant case under the [redacted] ascertain whether or not the New York Daily News published the retraction of the article, demanded by [redacted] Attorney at Law, 19 Rector Street, and ascertain all the details of this affair, including the ultimate disposition of the complaint.

Will locate and interview [redacted] former [redacted] of GEORGE F. GETTY, INC., relative to their knowledge of and connection with the Subject. It is noted that they withdrew from the GETTY Company, and the reasons for the severance of their connections should be set out.

Will locate and interview [redacted] at the Hotel, who was discharged from that position by [redacted]. It is suggested that it be determined why [redacted] was discharged and thereafter conduct a complete interview with him relative to his own background and to his knowledge of the Subject's activities.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, will, at the suggestion of Inspector [redacted], interview Subject of instant case, giving particular consideration to the important phases of the investigation. The Subject should be acquainted with the more sensational allegations which have been made against him, and he should be permitted to offer any defense or refutation he desires. He should be questioned in detail about all his international transactions, both business and social, and should be required to explain the circumstances surrounding his receipt of \$60 16 from Germany on January 17, 1940. (X)(u)

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, will locate [redacted] of the GEORGE F. GETTY Oil Company, Arcade Building, and interview him regarding his knowledge of Subject's activities.

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Will arrange with Source of Information A to interview [redacted]
[redacted] under pretext,
for information pertaining to Subject's activities, both in the United States
and Mexico (X) (u)

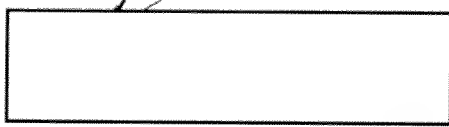
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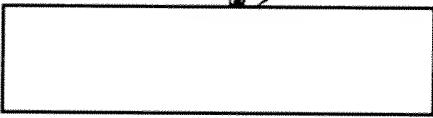
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Special Agent in Charge
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Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting herewith copies of a report dated June 26, 1942, pertaining to the above captioned subject.

You will note from this report that the subject now controls the Spartan Aircraft Company, the Spartan School of Aeronautics and Radio Station KVOO, all of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The War Department has advised the Bureau that in view of the subject's present position with the Spartan Aircraft Company he is in a position to obtain information of a vital nature. (X) (U) Declassified per Army let 7-24-80

In view of the interest now being displayed by the War Department in the investigation of this matter, it is requested that this case be given immediate attention and a report submitted to the Bureau without further delay.

It is suggested that you furnish the Oklahoma City Field Office with all pertinent data in order that appropriate investigation may be conducted at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

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ON 11-19-80

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DATE 4-7-80 BY SP1 gpa/jv

RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY;
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
Edward A. Furbush, Jr., dated July 21, 1942 at Los Angeles,
California.

Your attention is directed to page six of the above
report, wherein it is noted that [redacted] was formerly
the [redacted] Von Gontard. She advised in effect that Von
Gontard [redacted]

[redacted] She also stated that Getty openly
expressed himself as being in favor of the Nazi form of Govern-
ment. It appeared from the interview with [redacted] that she was
familiar with the activities of the subject and his associates
and made the statement that Getty was a close friend [redacted]
[redacted] in New York City. She then advised
that it was her opinion that the Government had forced [redacted] to
cease operating [redacted]

The Los Angeles Field Division did not set out a lead
to have the New York Field Division verify [redacted] statement,
and the New York Office is requested to ascertain why [redacted] was
ordered to abandon [redacted] activities.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Subject reported by various sources information to be pro-German and to be engaged in possible espionage activities. High officials of Spartan Aircraft Corp., Tulsa, Okla., advise Subject loyal American and performs duties as President of that company in highly efficient manner. Informants who have known Subject and have been acquainted with his activities many years believe him to be a loyal American with an unfortunate wealthy playboy background which is the basis for the present criticism and accusations directed against him. Subject's wife presently residing with him in Tulsa since her return from Italy in July. Informants believe her to be loyal American. Subject, when interviewed, denied all allegations made against him relative to un-American activities.

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REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent EDWARD TURBUSH, JP, dated at Los Angeles, California, July 21, 1942

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Bureau letter with attachment to the Los Angeles Field Division, September 14, 1942.

Bureau letter to the Los Angeles Field Division dated June 16, 1942

Letter from the El Paso Field Division to Oklahoma City Field Division, dated June 9, 1942.

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<u>W. G. D. [redacted]</u>	<u>100-11202-46</u>
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DETAILS

The file in instant case, reviewed by Special Agent [redacted] reflects that in addition to reference communications information has come from several independent sources relating to Subject and possible espionage activities. This information except as herein after set out is in the possession of the Bureau and the New York and Los Angeles Field Divisions as reflected by the summary report attached to Bureau letter of September 14, 1942. Therefore, such information will not be reported by this office but will be left for the office of origin to report.

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Information has been received from Confidential Informants [redacted] the identity of whom has been previously furnished the Bureau. Information was received from Confidential Informant [redacted] on March 21, 1942, and on July 17, 1942, from Confidential Informant [redacted] on March 24, 1942, June 8, 1942 and on June 14, 1942. (X)(u)

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By reference letter the El Paso Field Division advised that Confidential Informant T-1 had given information with regard to Subject to the effect that he owned a controlling interest in the Skelly Oil Company, Tidewater Oil Company, Pacific Western Oil Company and Missouri Oil Company. (X)(u)

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he believed MR. ULCHETTY to have been born in Pennsylvania or California, and that he was educated in Germany both in high school and college. Confidential Informant T-1 believed MR. ULCHETTY to be a graduate of the University of Heidelberg. Since 1929, according to Confidential Informant T-1, Subject has spent considerable amount of time on the European continent traveling in Germany and Italy. During his visit in Europe, he is believed to have acquired enough stock in the Tidewater and Skelly Oil Companies to be the controlling stockholder. Confidential Informant T-1 further advised that MR. ULCHETTY consummated with the governments of Germany, Italy and Japan in 1941 an oil deal calling for the shipment of large quantities of oil from this country to those governments. However, just before the outbreak of hostilities with those governments, the State Department blocked shipment of this oil. Confidential Informant T-1 stated that during the negotiations of this transaction Subject personally met ADOLF HITLER and other high German and Italian officials. (X)(u)

Confidential Informant T-1 further advised that since the European War Subject has been leading a life more or less in retirement in California in the vicinity of Los Angeles and San Francisco until March 1942 when he took over the active management of the Sportswear Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma. (X)(u)

Confidential Informant T-1 stated that he had no specific information of any subversive activity or sympathy on the part of the Subject but he believed that his background and his present position warranted an investigation. (X)(u)

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On August 18, 1942, [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that one [redacted] had said that Subject was a German, a former resident of New York and presently employed at the Spartan Airer ft Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On August 1, 1942, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] had related that it was generally rumored around Tulsa that Subject was gradually importing employees from California for the purpose of placing them in key positions of the Spartan Airer ft Company. [redacted] added that most of these imported employees allegedly were of German extraction and that at least one of them reputedly was born in Germany.

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On August 25, 1942, the writer interviewed [redacted] It may also be noted that [redacted] patriotism is unquestionable as he has headed many local state wide groups, including the [redacted] drive for the state of Oklahoma, for national defense

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] else, that he had known his father and mother for approximately [redacted] years, and that he [redacted] He spoke of the Subject's father as a brilliant young lawyer of German descent, who came from Hammeset to Oklahoma in about 1912, and whose genius and ability in the oil business made him an outstanding figure. He advised that the Subject's parents, aside from being successful, refined, cultured, extremely loyal Americans and well liked, and that the Subject's father left an estate of \$25,000,000 when he died in 1928.

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Regarding the Subject in this case, [redacted] stated [redacted] one with every advantage and opportunity in the world, and although his father attempted to develop him into a practical business man that his association with him in the last few years was evidence that he was unsuccessful in so doing. He advised that JE N P UL GETTY was a different type of individual than any other business man he knew, that he was eccentric, that he did not live a normal life as other people do, that he was a mortal physical coward, suffering greatly from an inferior complex, which he had tried to overcome by seeking publicity, being prominent and getting himself in the limelight as much as possible. [redacted] stated the Subject was very fond of art, music and the people he was eccentric and loved that sort of thing, that he was the most gullible person he had ever met, that he would spend hundreds of dollars to attain any sort of publicity or limelight in fashionable circles amongst people of noble or high social rank. [redacted] stated that the Subject had never worked a day in his life, knew very little about business matters, and had spent

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the greatest part of his life traveling over the entire world, that he had spent several years in Europe, where he associated with anyone he thought was in the limelight, that he was educated at Oxford University and Heidelberg, and that he has many friends and acquaintances among the so-called elite society set in Europe.

When questioned relative to the Subject's attainment of his present position as President of the Spitzer Aircraft Corporation in Tulsa, [redacted] replied that [redacted]

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The writer questioned [redacted] at length about the loyalty of the Subject or any un-American tendencies that he might have, and [redacted] replied, "as much as I dislike the man personally, in all fairness to him I do not believe that anything he might be accused of relative to espionage or un-American activities is true." [redacted] advised that GETTY was too selfish a person and that he had too many financial resources in America to be un-American. He stated GETTY had a profound love for people of the Jewish race. He advised the Subject was a victim of circumstances inasmuch as prior to the World War his travels in Europe brought him in contact with many people in Germany and other people of international fame, who at that time were harmless, but since the declaration of war have been under close scrutiny, that inasmuch as GETTY knows them and formerly associated with them, he could easily see how he might be accused of un-American activities. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he did not know whether GETTY met HITLER and other famous Nazis while in Germany in 1931, but that if he did it was because of his natural craving for meeting people of high standing, and not for any espionage activity or because he believes in the Nazi form of government. [redacted]

[redacted] was questioned by the writer relative to the accusation that Subject was importing people from California to assume high positions at the Shorten Aircraft Corporation at Tulsa, and he stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] and put up with his eccentricities and peculiarities [redacted] and he admitted that on many occasions he had enjoyed the subject's company

The writer questioned [redacted] relative to the subject's relationship with [redacted] mentioned in the reference report as being the Subject of Los Angeles file [redacted], and [redacted] advised that he remembered her well, [redacted]

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[redacted] that she is a very beautiful woman, that he believed the Subject's only reason for spending money on [redacted] and associating with her was because she was prominent in Hollywood circles, was a beautiful woman, and that it added to his prestige to be seen in the better circles in Hollywood with her

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Relative to Subject's personal characteristics, [redacted] stated that he was a mortal coward, was afraid of being bombed, and had even constructed a bomb shelter at his home in Tulsa and that his greatest weakness was beautiful women. He estimated that the total amount of money spent by the Subject on various fashionable and famous women in his life would total into the millions. He stated that GETTY'S present wife married him for his money, just as the rest of them had, and that [redacted]

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The writer question[redacted] relative to the Subject seeking his aid [redacted] replied that that was not true, and that he had never been asked by the Subject [redacted]

In conclusion [redacted] added that regardless of the fact that he had b7D had several personal disagreements with GETTY [redacted] that in all fairness he believed GETTY to be 100 per cent American and one who would not double-cross this country

For additional information [redacted] suggested the writer contact [redacted] of the Spartan Aircraft Corporation, [redacted] of the training school at Spartan and [redacted] of the manufacturing division of Spartan. He also suggested that the writer contact [redacted] one of the [redacted] of Oklahoma, who was [redacted] of the Subject's father. He stated that both of these men were reliable, very patriotic and would relate all the true facts relative to JEAN PAUL GETTY.

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[redacted] was interviewed by the writer. He stated that he had known the family of GETTY since [redacted] that in the early days [redacted] related in substance the same as [redacted] regarding the patriotism, business ability and integrity of the Subject's family, and added that the Subject was a boy with every opportunity, but because of his immense wealth did not turn out to be the practical business man that his father had hoped he would be. He related the life history of the Subject, how he lived alone as a child, and was educated in the east and six years at Oxford University in England and Heidelberg University in Germany. He stated he recalled vividly when the Subject came back from Europe in 1914 with all the pomp of a person from the royal court of England, that after his return from Europe Subject came to Tulsa and went into the oil business with his father, and that because of his peculiar dress, accent and European mannerisms he at once stood out as a different type individual than the oil men who came up the hard way. He said that inasmuch as the Subject had lived an international life, having met many famous people the world over, some being pro-German, he could easily see the basis for the accusation of un-American activities and espionage, but that he knew better than anyone else that the Subject had no such motive in his associations with foreign people. He stated that the Subject's love for the Jews alone would make him loyal, inasmuch as the entire legal staff of the GETTY interest in New York, Los Angeles and Tulsa are Jews. He further added that he was not positive just why the Subject seemed to be fond of Jews, but he had heard in the early days when his father was in Oklahoma that the Subject's mother was one-half Jewish, although he could not prove it. He related in detail many of the same things that [redacted] spoke of relative to the Subject's peculiarities and habits, and added

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to this by saying that the Subject was one of the weakest men morally and physically that he had ever known, that all of his faults could be traced to four very bad characteristics - gullibility, women, fear and flattery for publicity at any cost.

[redacted] who is the [redacted] b6
for the [redacted] was interviewed by the writer. He stated b7C
that he had only known GETTY for short time, [redacted] b7D
[redacted] and that he recognized he
was a peculiar individual, being on the artistic side and perhaps an international
playboy, but he had to admire and respect the man for the number of hours and the
diligent effort he had put in at [redacted] in an effort to operate the plant. He
said that GETTY realized that he didn't know anything about airplane production,
and [redacted]

The allegation in the reference report of Agent FURBUSH relative to the
importing of important personnel from California and New York to the [redacted] b6
[redacted] in Tulsa was discussed with [redacted] He said that b7C
this was the most absurd thing he had ever heard, that it was true many of the
laborers had come from Wichita and California, [redacted]
[redacted] and if it had not been for the influx
of experienced airplane workers from California and other places the [redacted]
[redacted] in Tulsa would be very lacking in efficient personnel. b6
[redacted] advised that [redacted] b7C
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[redacted] stated that GETTY requested his help in
finding a man who could hold such a responsible and important job as [redacted]
[redacted], and that he, [redacted] hired [redacted], securing him
from the [redacted] at Los Angeles at a salary of \$12,000 per year.
[redacted] further stated that [redacted] is one of the best men in this sort of b6
work he has ever known [redacted] b7C
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[redacted] stated that he was [redacted] b6
and that [redacted] hired him, but that he sincerely believed [redacted] because of b7C
other business interests, did not devote his entire time to [redacted] and that
GETTY, who had nothing on his mind except the [redacted] had produced
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In conclusion [] stated that he was positive the Subject had no un-American or espionage intentions in his present job.

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Subject was interviewed by the writer on August 28, 1942, and MR. GETTY advised that he was aware of the fact that some people had accused him of pro-Nazi tendencies, and on two or three occasions he had been the victim of some very bad newspaper publicity, unsupported by facts, and merely based on the fact that he had lived a life of ease and had associated with a number of people who at the time were harmless but since the war might be thought otherwise.

Relative to his international affairs or business dealings at present, GETTY advised that his only international financial interest at present is as a stockholder in the Tidewater Oil Company, which company prior to the war did carry on international commerce with almost every country in the world. He stated that he had been a director in this company, but that in 1936 he resigned, and that he had no executive control or authority to act in any capacity with the company at the present time, inasmuch as he was merely a large stockholder.

With regard to the ownership of the Pierre Hotel in New York City, GETTY stated that he did not have anything directly to do with this hotel, and inasmuch as it was owned and operated by the Getty Realty Company of Newark, N. J., a holding company which was organized by his father to operate part of the estate which was left to him, he had nothing to do with the hiring and firing of personnel at this hotel, although if he wanted to he could probably influence the board of directors to take his advice. He stated that he had never used this influence except on one occasion. He related that while he was in Europe in 1940 the New York newspapers carried his name in connection with the Pierre Hotel as a place where pro-Nazi people lived, that the article intimated that a number of employees were strongly pro-German, and that it was a hangout for people who might be termed some hot un-American. He stated that because of this he ordered a wholesale firing of a number of people who might have been involved in this accusation. MR. GETTY stated that, at present or up until September 1, 1942, the hotel was [] by [] and [] both of these men being hired without his knowledge by the Getty Realty Company, which company was responsible in full for the operation of the hotel. MR. GETTY stated that [] was leaving September 1, 1942 to accept a job with the Carrier Air Conditioning Company of Syracuse, New York, and that he understood [] would become the manager as of September 1. MR. GETTY stated that the hotel deal he had been a hard-seller as far as he was concerned ever since it was purchased, that it had never made a dime, and that all he knew about it was the monthly report which he received on which was invariably in the red, although hotel business was supposed to be good in New York at the present time. MR. GETTY further added that when he was in New York in 1939 he lived in an apartment on Park Avenue, and had only spent one night at the Pierre Hotel since his company had purchased it.

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With regard to the undeveloped lead in the reference report requesting this office to secure an explanation from the Subject with regard to a check in the amount of \$60.16 which was received from Germany by him in 1939, it was learned on questioning GETTY that this check represented a refund on a ticket following his return to the United States in November, 1939.

When questioned relative to his ownership and sale of the yacht Warrior, MR. GETTY replied that he and four other members of the GETTY interests purchased the yacht, that he did not know Captain LANGE, who served as captain of the boat until it was sold in France in 1936. GETTY stated that this was the last yacht he had owned, and that the record of the sale of this yacht could be secured from the Getty Realty Company at New York. With regard to Captain LANGE, GETTY stated he had sent him to the hotel to secure employment after the yacht was sold, and that he understood he did obtain employment there as an electrician for the hotel. As to LANGE'S present whereabouts, GETTY did not know.

GETTY advised that he knew [redacted] well, that he met her in 1939 in New York at a very fashionable party given by [redacted] that he did not know her prior to his return to America, that his only interest in her was that she was a beautiful woman, a good dancer and a good companion at all times. GETTY said that he next saw [redacted] in Hollywood, that he again associated with her on numerous occasions, that she apparently knew all the social people in Hollywood, and they went out with many outstanding celebrities. He stated that he did not monopolize her time, but that on some occasions when the "going was tough" for her [redacted] he would advance her money, which perhaps totaled \$5,000 during his entire acquaintance with her. GETTY stated he understood [redacted] is now in Mexico, but he had had no correspondence or relationship with her for many months.

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When questioned about knowing [redacted] advised that he remembered them as being in New York, but that his association with them had been purely social, and that he did not know their present whereabouts.

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When questioned relative to the changes made in the personnel of the Spartan Aircraft Corporation since he became its President, GETTY had the [redacted] submit for the writer's inspection the changes which had occurred in the more important positions of the company since he became President on March 1, 1942. These records reflected that the new [redacted] had replaced a [redacted]. It was later ascertained from [redacted] of the corporation, that [redacted] resigned of his own accord. Two [redacted] resigned about thirty days prior to MR. GETTY taking over, and these were replaced by a [redacted] who had previously worked with the Intercontinent Airplane Manufacturing Company of Miami, Florida, and a [redacted] who had previously been with Douglas. It is noted that these three men were mentioned to the writer by [redacted] as

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well as MR GETTY'S, upon being hired.

MR GETTY expanded at length relative to his desire to make good in this new effort, and said that the reason he wanted this job was because he wanted to do something during the national emergency for this country, that he realized in his previous life he had had very little practical experience, but that he was working doubly hard in an effort to make a success of this job. He stated that he purposely refrained from taking an active part in the direction of the plant because he realized he lacked information and ability to advise department heads how to run their business in the manufacture of airplanes.

GETTY stated that he had an interview with [redacted] in Washington in an effort to secure a commission in the United States Navy, and that when it was discovered by the Navy Department that he had an interest in the Spartan Aircraft Corporation, it was suggested by [redacted] that he could serve this country in a useful capacity if he would help improve production at Spartan, which according to GETTY had previously not done so good.

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MR GETTY also admitted when questioned that he had about \$4,000 in Ruokwanderer marks, that these were purchased from the Chase National Bank of New York, and were in their custody at the present time, that his only purpose for having purchased these marks was that prior to his departure for Europe in 1936 he had his business agent purchase a large amount of these because these tourist marks could be bought in America at a discount of about 30 per cent. He stated that the only reason he had these left was because he did not spend as much time in Germany as he anticipated. MR. GETTY did not remember the exact amount, but said he would be very glad to get in touch with the Chase National Bank of New York for any further information the government might desire relative to this matter.

Upon concluding the interview MR GETTY assured the writer that he was very grateful to the Bureau for having interviewed him and given him a change to clear some of the accusations which had been made. He invited the inspection and scrutiny of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the Spartan Aircraft plant at any time, and assured his fullest cooperation in anything he could do to aid national defense.

When questioned relative to his personal acquaintanceship with Messrs HITLER, [redacted] he replied that he had never met any of the three, that he had never publicly expressed himself as being in favor of the things these stood for prior to the war and certainly not since the war, and had not intimated to anyone that he was friendly with these people. He further related that the story had been circulated he had received a necktie from HITLER, and that this story went so far as to appear in a column in the New York Daily Mirror, which article was very unjust and unfair to him and certainly without foundation, as he had not received a necktie from HITLER, had no reason to and in no way had

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any close friends or connections with any higher members of the Nazi party in Germany.

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[redacted] of the Spartan Aircraft Corporation, who has been serving this corporation since March, 1941, in that capacity, verified the fact that only three important changes had been made in personnel that were made by the management and taken out of his hands. He stated that all personnel, such as workers, office people and minor jobs were handled through his department without any advice or pressure from officials of the company. He stated that his assistant was [redacted], who served as [redacted] of the Spartan Aircraft Corporation, which position he has held since September 29, 1941.

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Informants [redacted] were questioned by the writer relative to any knowledge they might have of the Subject's wife with reference to any evidence of un-American activities or espionage tendencies on her part.

[redacted] stated that he did not know her well, [redacted] and is presently living with the Subject in his home at Tulsa. He added that it was his personal opinion that Subject's wife is a loyal American, of an artistic nature, who was very anxious to receive as much publicity as possible. He further advised that she had made a public address before both the Rotary Club and the Kiwanis Club at Tulsa, and according to the articles in the paper regarding her speeches and from a few friends who had discussed those speeches with him, the talks of the Subject's wife were extremely American, patriotic and interesting.

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In discussing the matter with [redacted] he advised that it was his opinion that the Subject's wife had only one purpose in Italy, and that was using as much of the Subject's money as possible in the pursuance of her ambition to become a grand opera singer. He stated that because of her unusual speeches she was very much in demand before numerous clubs and social groups in Tulsa as a speech maker, and that it had come to him indirectly that her speeches were not only interesting, but were also very critical of the policies and exploitations of MUSSOLINI and other Axis leaders.

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When [redacted] was questioned by the writer with regard to the Subject's wife, he stated that [redacted] since the wife's return from Italy, [redacted] due to the fact that he was unusually busy. He stated on this one occasion, according to conversation, observation and association with Subject's wife, he would definitely consider her a 100 per cent loyal American. He further advised that [redacted]

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and that the thinking and attitude of [redacted] was certainly that of an American

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very anxious for a final and total victory of the Allies as soon as possible. b6
[redacted] further added that he did not believe that Subject's wife had any b7C
other intention than living in Tulsa with her husband for the duration of the war, b7D
and that he did not believe she had any associates or friends in the United States
who would be engaged in un-American or espionage activities

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

[redacted] G-2
Headquarters, 8th Corps Area
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

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Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY;
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated
July 16, 1942 wherein you were furnished with a
report from the War Department and requested to give
this matter immediate attention due to the interest
displayed by the Army.

For your information, I am transmitting
herewith copies of a case history concerning the Spartan
Aircraft Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, dated August 4,
1942, which was submitted by the Navy Department at
Washington, D. C. (K)

It is requested that the Oklahoma Field
Division place this matter in line for investigation
in the near future in view of Getty's present position
with the Spartan Aircraft Company where he may obtain
information of a vital nature.

Very truly yours,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
October 3, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY
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Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as all leads in the Los Angeles Field Division office with reference to the Subject of instant case have been exhausted and in view of the fact that the Subject is now president of the Spartan Aircraft Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has taken up residence there, the Bureau is hereby requested to change the office of origin from Los Angeles to Oklahoma City.

It should be noted that a lead was set out in the report of Special Agent EDWARD A. FURBUSH, JR., dated July 21, 1942, at Los Angeles, California, to develop information if possible from the Subject's wife, who contemplated a visit with her cousin now residing in Los Angeles, California, but information from the Oklahoma City Field Division indicates that Subject's wife is now living with him since her return from Italy and she does not contemplate a visit with her relative in Los Angeles, California.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood
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Special Agent in Charge

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JEAN PAUL GETTY, wa;
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Reference is made to the Los Angeles Field letter dated October 3, 1942, wherein it is stated that all leads in that office have been exhausted and in view of the fact that the subject is now residing in the territory covered by the Oklahoma City Field Division, the Office of Origin should be changed from Los Angeles to Oklahoma City.

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent Edward A. Furbush, Jr., dated July 21, 1942 at Los Angeles, which sets forth leads for the Los Angeles Field Division which apparently have not been covered. It is noted that investigation is outstanding to contact [redacted] of the George F. Getty Oil Company, Arcade Building, so that he may be interviewed regarding his knowledge of Getty's activities. It is also reflected that contact would be arranged with Source of Information [redacted] to interview [redacted] under pretext, for information pertaining to subject's activities, both in the United States and Mexico. (X)(u)

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in view of the above, it is desired that the Los Angeles Field District remain as the Office of Origin in the investigation of this matter.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KIMBALL
RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY, with alias;
ESPIONAGE - G

The investigation of Getty was initiated in the summer of 1940 when it was believed that German and Italian agents were operating the Pierre Hotel at New York City and many foreign agents were residing at that place. It was stated that Getty had purchased the Pierre Hotel for approximately \$2,000,000 and that he had fired the original personnel, supplanting them with persons of questionable tendencies.

Since that time, allegations have been made that Getty is pro-Nazi and has received gifts from Hitler. It has also been alleged that he was acquainted with [redacted] Getty, who is in the oil business, also boasted, according to reports, that he had shipped many thousands of barrels of oil to Japan prior to the Neutrality Act. Suspicion was also cast upon Getty due to his association with [redacted] who is reported to be a Nazi spy. (X M)

Recently interviews have been had with prominent individuals associated with Getty. Although they claim he is eccentric and a man who has met many influential Europeans in his time, they do not believe he is engaged in espionage activities.

At one time an article appeared in a New York newspaper which indicated that Getty's sympathies were with the German cause and in this connection you will recall that Walter Winchell wrote a letter to Mr. Hoover in which he indicated that Getty was a loyal American citizen but because of his standing could not afford to publicly deny any allegations made against him.

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Getty has been interviewed by the Bureau and has denied any allegations which would tend to show that he is engaged in espionage activities.

FOR DEFENSE
Attached hereto is a comprehensive and complete memorandum setting forth the background and activities of Getty which do not

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reflect that he is engaged in espionage activities.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the information set forth, it is believed that this case should cease to be handled by the Espionage Section and should be more properly handled by [redacted] Section.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

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Subject is a United States citizen, having been born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on December 15, 1892. He first came to the attention of the Bureau on August 26, 1940, when [] advised that the Hotel Pierre at New York City had been purchased from the bondholders by Getty. [] described Getty as an enormously wealthy oil man of German descent who comes from California. At the time the hotel was purchased, Getty was in Germany from where he issued orders to have all the old employees of the hotel dismissed. At that time, [] alleged that the hotel was packed with employees of the Italian Consulate.

Getty is the son and heir of the late George F. Getty, who left more than twenty-five million dollars and was the owner of the Getty Oil Company and the Pacific Western Oil Company. In the past few years, due to domestic difficulties, Getty has traveled extensively in the United States and Europe, leaving the actual operation of his business in the hands of competent businessmen who stay in Los Angeles at all times. Getty has been married four times, each marriage being dissolved on the grounds of immorality and unfaithful conduct and association with other women.

On December 5, 1940, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office furnished the Bureau with a report from an anonymous informant to the effect that one Frederick Lange of the Hotel Pierre, New York City, was supposed to have been a former officer of the Hamburg American Line, as well as having been an aviator in Germany with the Air Force and to be a very good friend of []. This anonymous informant advised that Getty, a millionaire oil man of Southern California, was advancing funds for Lange. This report also indicated that Getty was a very strong Nazi sympathizer.

An article appearing in the New York Daily News on December 20, 1940, entitled "Agents of Five Nations at Grips in Hotel Here", set forth a statement to the effect that twenty American businessmen had pooled one hundred million dollars for investment in Mexico if [] would give a free hand. The article further alleged that Getty, the present owner of the Hotel Pierre, and personal friend of Adolf Hitler, has supplied oil to Russia and is presently on a yacht cruise with William Gibbs McAdoo. There are further allegations in the article to the effect that the FBI is sure that a "definite understanding was reached on the Getty [] Axis which bears on the charge of [] opponents that his heart belongs to the Nazis". The article claimed that [] an [] formerly [] of the Hotel Pierre, had been replaced by [] former German infantryman and is [] by Frederick Lange, the efficiency expert and former captain of a German submarine.

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In November, 1939, it was reported that Getty had returned to

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New York from Italy after negotiating with Soviet Russia buyers in Berlin, Germany, for the sale of one million barrels of California oil to be used in Siberia. It was alleged that Getty was able to consummate this deal due to the fact that he had convinced the Russians that it would cost less to transport oil from California to Vladivostok than from the Russian-owned Vaku oil fields.

By memorandum dated March 19, 1941, Confidential Informant [] advised that [] a subject of an espionage case pending in the Bureau, was in Mexico on March 15, 1941, at which time she seemed to be plentifully supplied with money and playing the night life of Mexico City. The informant advised that she had surreptitious meetings with Getty, who appeared to be an old flame of hers. (u)

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In connection with Frederick Lange, it might be said that a Frederick Lange, who was captain on the steam yacht "Blue Water", committed an assault on February 25, 1937 upon the chef of that vessel and as a result stood trial at New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 2, 1937, at which time the court, without the benefit of a jury, rendered a verdict of not guilty.

By letter dated July 21, 1941, Walter Winchell advised that the article carried in the Daily News at New York City was inaccurate. He stated that Getty was educated in California and at Oxford, not in Germany. Further, that he did not hold any German patents through holding corporations and does not ship oil to Germany, Spain, Russia, or Japan. It should be noted that the article carried by the New York Daily News alleged that Getty had his portrait painted, at which time he was wearing a tie presented to him by Adolf Hitler. Winchell said that he never was given a tie by Hitler and never did announce the sale of one million barrels of oil to Russia. He also stated that Getty never did know Lange, the efficiency expert. According to Winchell, what Getty cannot do is sue a newspaper since he is a wealthy man and would not have a chance to collect damages. Further, that the trouble with Getty is the fact that he does not realize stories like that carried in the Daily News hurt his business and adds, "I have been trying to impress him with that fact."

On July 24, 1940, [] advised the New York Field Division that he was the [] of the William Allen White Committee, New York City. He stated that Getty, who is the owner of the Hotel Pierre, was a very loyal American with pro-Nazi sympathies. He alleged that Getty had been in Germany where he was apparently very popular with the more important Nazi officials. Further, that he was present at the "Cellar Trials" after the Reichstag fires. He claimed that Getty was a large minority stockholder in the Tidewater Oil Company, which sold one million barrels of oil to the Soviet Government some time ago.

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[redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, voluntarily advised the New York Field Division that the story appearing in the Daily News was incorrect in that Getty was a loyal American and that the charges made against him in the newspaper were absolutely absurd.

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[redacted] an attorney representing Getty, also advised the Bureau that Getty denied all the allegations made against him and that the articles appearing in the newspaper story were malicious, defamatory, libelous, and wholly false. The attorney did state, however, that Getty was acquainted with [redacted] but advised that she is merely a casual friend of Getty.

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During the course of monitoring transactions in the Foreign Department of the Chase National Bank, New York City, it was noted by the Foreign Funds Squad of the New York Field Division that a payment of \$60.16 was made to Getty on January 17, 1940, upon the instructions of the Reichsbank Direktorium, Berlin, Germany, whose account was charged for this amount. It is believed that this payment originated from Konversionkasse Fur Deutsche Auslandssohneden, Berlin, Germany, (Conversion Office for German Foreign Debts) and that it represents an interest payment on German securities owned by this individual. (u)

Upon being interviewed, [redacted] advised that he had no knowledge that his employees or the guests who frequent the Hotel Pierre have Italian Consular connections.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] Getty and that she could offer no information regarding any subversive activity engaged in by Getty, stating that it was beyond her to believe that the subject was even under suspicion. She knew that Getty traveled to Germany once or twice a year, but could not advance any information as to whom he contacts there or the name of any of his friends in Germany. [redacted]

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The subject is presently the President of the Spartan Aircraft Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma and has occupied this position for the past several months. [redacted] a confidential informant, [redacted] and has furnished the Bureau with considerable information concerning him. He stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that during the period of his association with Getty in New York City, the informant met [redacted] and from the close affiliation between [redacted] and Getty, it was his opinion that Getty is responsible for coming to the United States. [redacted] advised that [redacted] because he was not impressed by her, believing she was here for some sinister purpose, so is unable to comment intelligently upon the background of the [redacted] Getty companionship. [redacted] in a conversation with Getty gathered that [redacted] was now in Mexico and that Getty had been to Mexico recently to see her. He was of the opinion that Getty had financed her trip from New York to Mexico City.

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About a year ago, Getty telephonically communicated with [redacted] and requested that [redacted]

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[redacted] has furnished information to the Bureau concerning [redacted]. He stated that he was in Mexico several months ago and it was common news that [redacted] had an "in" with [redacted] of the Mexican Cabinet, who was decidedly pro-Axis in his sympathies. Both [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] Gert Von Gontard, heir to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Incorporated, stated that she strongly suspected Getty of being mixed up in pro-German and un-American activities, contending that he has openly expressed himself as being in favor of the Nazi form of Government. She further stated he is a close friend of [redacted] whom she stated was the [redacted] of Mexico during the [redacted] regime. According to [redacted] claimed she left Germany pursued by the Gestapo, and that as a result of her friendship with Getty, he was able to get her a visa for entrance into Mexico, telling the [redacted] Getty's, that [redacted] was an American citizen. After arriving in Mexico, [redacted] had an affair with the [redacted] previously mentioned, Getty having introduced her to him. According to the informant, [redacted] related that [redacted] had nothing more to do with [redacted] after four weeks, but now continues in close contact with Getty, as well as [redacted]

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Reginald Gardiner, a movie actor and English subject, advised

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that he was very friendly with [] while she was in Hollywood. [] told him of having [] in Europe, but because the German Government forced her to be intimate with anyone they directed in the official circles, she decided to get out of the country and under the pretext she was going to [] in France went to Paris. She told Gardiner that she had met all the officials in Germany from Hitler down. According to Gardiner, he questioned [] at various times with relation to her ability to get out of Germany so easily, but she was unable to answer these questions satisfactorily. Gardiner learned that [] had received a pay check from [] [] at San Francisco, and when he confronted [] with this she did not deny or affirm it. After being in [] company for approximately two months, Gardiner accused her of being a German spy and in the pay of the German Government and when she did not deny it, he told her he would have nothing more to do with her.

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No definite information has been obtained that the subject has actually been involved in espionage or related matters. However, due to his numerous German contacts, it is possible his sympathies may lie with that country.

On August 4, 1942, [] Zone Intelligence Officer, Office of Naval Intelligence, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that it was generally rumored around Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Getty is presently residing, that he was importing employees from California for the purpose of placing them in key positions at the Spartan Aircraft Company, of which he is President. It was also alleged that most of these imported employees were of German extraction and that at least one of them reputedly was born in Germany. (X) (u)

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On August 25, 1942, []

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[] was interviewed.

He advised that []

According to [] Getty's father was a brilliant lawyer of German descent whose genius and ability in the oil business made him an outstanding figure. The subject's parents were refined, cultured, extremely loyal Americans and well liked and that Getty's father left an estate of twenty-five million dollars when he died.

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[] who had every advantage and opportunity in the world and, although his father attempted to develop him into a practical business man, he was unsuccessful. He classified Getty as being eccentric and a mortal physical coward, who suffered greatly from an inferior complex. Getty attempted to overcome this complex by seeking publicity and getting himself into the limelight as much as possible. Getty was educated at Oxford University and

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Heidelberg University and he still has many friends and acquaintances among the so-called cafe society in Europe.

[] stated that []

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[] believed that Getty was a loyal American citizen, who was more or less a victim of circumstances, inasmuch as prior to the present conflict his travels in Europe brought him in contact with many people in Germany and other people of international fame. [] was unable to state whether Getty had actually met Hitler and other Nazi officials while in Germany, but was of the opinion that if he did it was more or less a desire of his to meet people of high standing and not for any espionage activity.

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In reference to Getty's being a coward, [] stated that he was afraid of being bombed and had constructed a bomb shelter in his home in Tulsa. [] was also questioned relative to []

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[] has known the Getty family for many years and attested to the Americanism of Getty.

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[] stated that Getty was working extremely hard to learn the aircraft business and to be worthy of the title of President of such a company. With reference to the employees being imported from California, [] stated that this was absurd as [] and Getty had nothing to do with this matter.

Getty was interviewed by an agent of the Oklahoma City Field Office on August 28, 1942, at which time he stated that he was aware that various individuals had accused him of possessing pro-Nazi tendencies and that he had also been the victim of some newspaper publicity unsupported by facts, being merely based on the fact that he had lived a life of ease and had associated with a number of people who at the time were harmless but since the war might be thought otherwise. He stated that he did not have anything to do directly with the Pierre Hotel in New York City, but it was owned and operated by the Getty Realty Company of Newark, New Jersey, which was organized by his father and which operates the estate left to him. He maintained that he had nothing to

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do with the hiring and firing of the personnel of this hotel.

With regard to the check in the amount of \$60.16 which was received by Getty in 1939, Getty stated that this check represented a refund on a ticket following his return to the United States in November, 1939.

Getty admitted his association with [] but denied that he knew her prior to his return to America and that his only interest in her was she was a beautiful woman, a good dancer and good companion. He did admit, however, that he advanced her money which totaled \$5,000 when she was having a hard time []

Getty had the personnel manager of the Spartan Aircraft Corporation submit a list of the changes in personnel since Getty became President of the organization. It was learned that each change was made for the benefit of the company and was authorized by []

Getty admitted he had an interview with [] in Washington in an effort to secure a commission in the United States Navy and that when [] learned he had an interest in the Spartan Aircraft Corporation, it was suggested by [] that he could serve this country in a useful capacity if he would help improve production at Spartan which, according to Getty, had previously not done so well.

Getty admitted he purchased approximately \$4,000 in Rueckwanderer marks from the Chase National Bank of New York. He stated that his only purpose in making this purchase was that prior to his departure for Europe in 1939, tourist marks could be bought in America at a discount of about 30% and that the reason these were left was due to the fact he had not spent as much time in Germany as he had anticipated.

Getty denied having ever met Hitler, [] and stated he had never publicly expressed himself as being in favor of the things they stand for, or has he ever intimated to anyone that he was friendly with those individuals. The story that he received a necktie from Hitler was unjust and unfair according to Getty, inasmuch as no gift had ever been offered to him by Hitler.

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This Case Originated At LOS ANGELES		File No. 65-2170	
Report made at LOS ANGELES	Date 3/20/43	Period 2/16; 3/1,2/43	Report made by EDWARD A. FURBUSH, JR. DLK
Title JEAN PAUL GETTY			Character of case ESPIONAGE - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Personal background of Subject and financial information obtained. Informant familiar with all Subject's contacts, social and business. Never disclosed any admiration for European dictators or politicians. No agreement with Russia to furnish oil. SPARTAN AIRCRAFT indirectly controlled by GETTY, INC. Subject presently managing this company at suggestion of Secretary of the Navy. Incapable of handling position. Records reflect Subject worth about 7 million dollars. Has sent personal gifts to foreign girls who have extended him favors in past. Also pays American girls who have extended personal favors.

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DETAILS:

The alias J. PAUL GETTY is being deleted from the title of this report, inasmuch as it is only a portion of Subject's true and correct name, JEAN PAUL GETTY.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

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(U) [Source of Information A advised] that [redacted] (X)
GEORGE F. GETTY OIL, INC. in 1927, [redacted] by the Subject's father who
was then president and general manager. [Source A reported] that at that time
Subject had earned the reputation of being a playboy and his actions had aroused
his father's anger because of the troubles he was always getting into. [Source A
(U) learned in 1927 or 1928] that [redacted] (X)

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[redacted] In 1928 Subject started on
a business venture of his own will and unknown to his father. The Subject pur-
chased oil leases in Santa Maria, California and obtained property interests of
productive value of one million dollars. His father believed, after learning the
facts, that his son had settled down and was considering business seriously.

(U) [According to Source A.] the Subject was the only son, and [redacted] (X)

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[redacted] The Subject remained active in the company as an
officer until 1931, when his father died. Trouble arose during and after the
settlement of his father's estate. GETTY'S mother, like Subject, was stingy and
of the same nature as Subject, and they both continued fighting over the business
(U) venture suggested by the Subject. [Source A continued] that GETTY'S mother knew (X)
nothing about the oil business, and [redacted] (X)

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Subject became president of the company when his father died, and [redacted]

(U) [redacted] This was finally consummated in 1933. [According to Source A,] the (X)
Subject started to travel abroad regularly from 1933 on, and [redacted] (X)

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[redacted] GETTY resigned in 1934 and from then on he remained
only as a large stockholder in the company and did not have any authority to con-
summate any contract as a representative of this company.

(U) [According to Source A,] GETTY traveled abroad and through Mexico until (X)
1939.

(U) [Source A stated] that he does not like GETTY personally and knows that (X)
everyone with whom GETTY has come in contact hates him because of his unfriendli-
(U) ness, his bragging nature, and because he is mean, selfish, and stingy. [Source A] (X)
mentioned that if GETTY was possibly guilty of any violation, he, like many others
associated with Subject, would assist in obtaining facts to prove him guilty of the
violation, but he personally believes that people with whom the Subject has come
in contact despise him and probably have reported him at the least provocation

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(U) without any knowledge of his activities and nothing more than rumor. [Source A] (X) explained this further by stating that the Subject has always tried to give a Continental impression, although he has never mentioned any association with the dictators of Europe nor any other leading European politicians. [Source A] knows (X) that GETTY has associated with wealthy people in France, England, and Germany who were classmates of his at Oxford, but only in a social way.

(U) [According to Source A,] GETTY returned from Europe the last time in 1939 (X) and when interviewed by reporters in New York upon landing, among other things in giving an account of his trip and what he contemplated doing upon his return, (U) he mentioned an agreement to sell one million barrels of oil to Russia. [Source A] (X) never had any discussion on this point with GETTY, and obtained the knowledge from (U) the accounts in the New York papers. [Source A] explained this by stating that the GETTY COMPANY has always had trouble with the large oil companies, such as STANDARD and the UNION OIL COMPANY in getting them to purchase their oil. According to (U) [Source A,] the GETTY OIL COMPANY is strictly a producing oil company, and when (X) leases are obtained and wells sunk, it is necessary to sell what they produce to (U) the large oil companies for refinement and distribution. [Source A] believes that (X)

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(U) [REDACTED] (X)
(U) [REDACTED] Source A, Source A (X)
(U) admitted that it is possible that GETTY negotiated for a sale with some wealthy friend abroad.

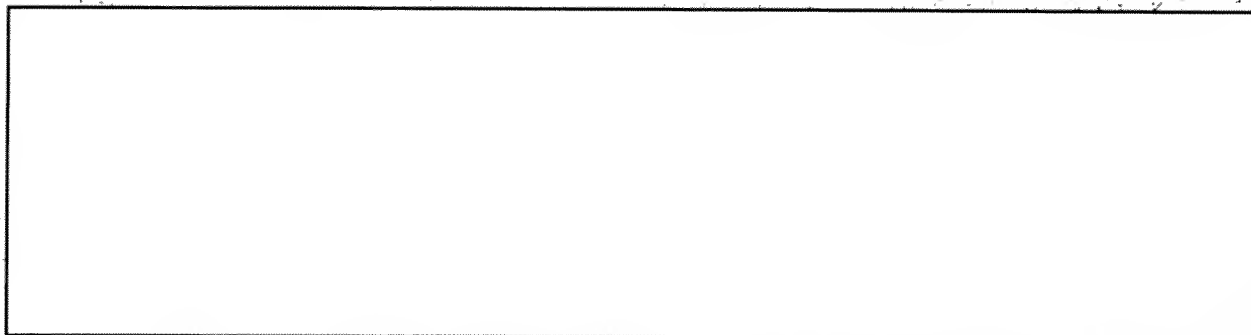
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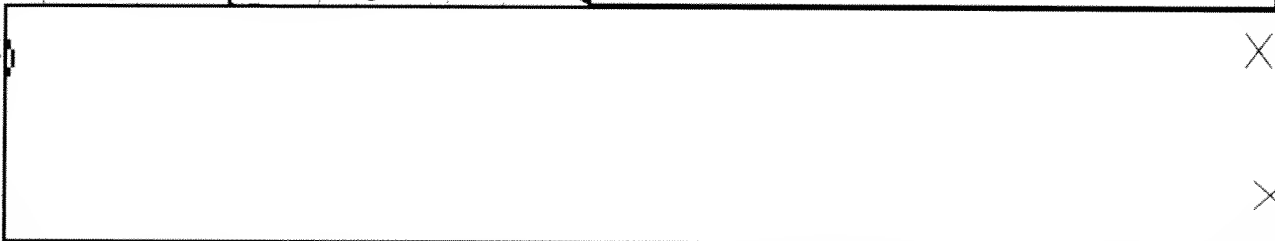
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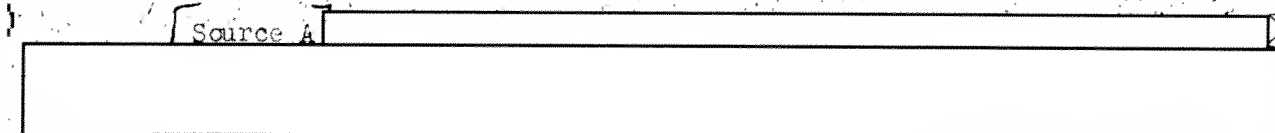


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During the years that followed, SKELLY was made president of the MISSION CORPORATION and also of the SKELLY and TIDEWATER OIL COMPANIES, the GETTY OIL COMPANY, and the PACIFIC WESTERN, which was then a part of the GETTY OIL COMPANY. (U) (According to Source A [redacted]) (S)



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(U) Source A [redacted] SPARTAN AIRCRAFT (S)
(U) continued until late 1941 when SKELLY and his assistants at the head. According
(U) to Source A, it continued as a non-profitable institution. (S)

Late in 1941 the Subject went to Washington to confer with Secretary of the Navy [redacted] with reference to obtaining a commission in the Navy. During his second appointment with [redacted] he was advised that the investigation disclosed that GETTY'S company owned a controlling interest in the SPARTAN AIRCRAFT, and inasmuch as GETTY was a trustee, he would be able to do his country a greater service by efficiently operating the SPARTAN AIRCRAFT COMPANY. [redacted]

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GETTY was elected president, and without any past experience or knowledge of what he was getting into, took over the management of the SPARTAN AIRCRAFT.

(U) It should be noted, [according to Source A,] that the Government takes (S)

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[REDACTED] Source A stated that GETTY is not a good business manager, as he will not listen to reason, being hard-headed and uncooperative. He cannot get cooperation from anyone with whom he comes in contact.

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GETTY has stated that the Secretary of the Navy has given him a responsible job and he intends to make SPARTAN run successfully. [Source A] has

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[Source A stated] that [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Source A said that the Subject does not own a boat and never at any time kept one in Mexico.

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[Source A] did not know of the Subject's association with [redacted]

It was learned through Source B that [redacted] is

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a [redacted] of a film corporation in Mexico City and has not been in Los Angeles for a year or more. [redacted] who it was previously learned was familiar with the Subject's activities, cannot be located through the studios in Hollywood.

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[According to Source A,] the Subject's wife has been with him in Oklahoma since her return to this country. Source A believed that she will obtain a divorce from him, since the match was not based on emotion, but more on a business proposition.

Inasmuch as the suspicious circumstances surrounding the activities of the Subject of instant case have been satisfactorily explained by Source A and because of the fact that [Source A] has shown cooperation and, [redacted]

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this case is being closed.

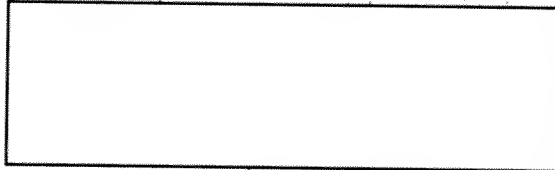
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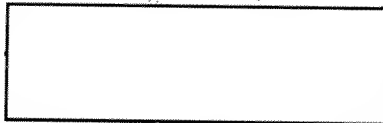
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Source of Information B:



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